Dan Brand and Tipi

FOOD TO SETTLE THE FATE OF A NATION! MEDICINE AND CLOTHING TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF VALIANT FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM! —ALL HANG IN THE BALANCE! BUT DAN BRAND AND TIPI SMASH THROUGH A RING OF TREACHERY AND TERROR TO BRING THROUGH THE GOODS, GUARANTEEING THAT NOT IN VAIN WAS SHED—

"THE BLOOD OF VALLEY FORGE!"

THERE IS FREEZING AND HUNGER AT VALLEY FORGE...

DAN BRAND AND TIPI ARE SCOURING THE FRONTIER, TRYING TO ROUND UP SUPPLIES...

HEY!

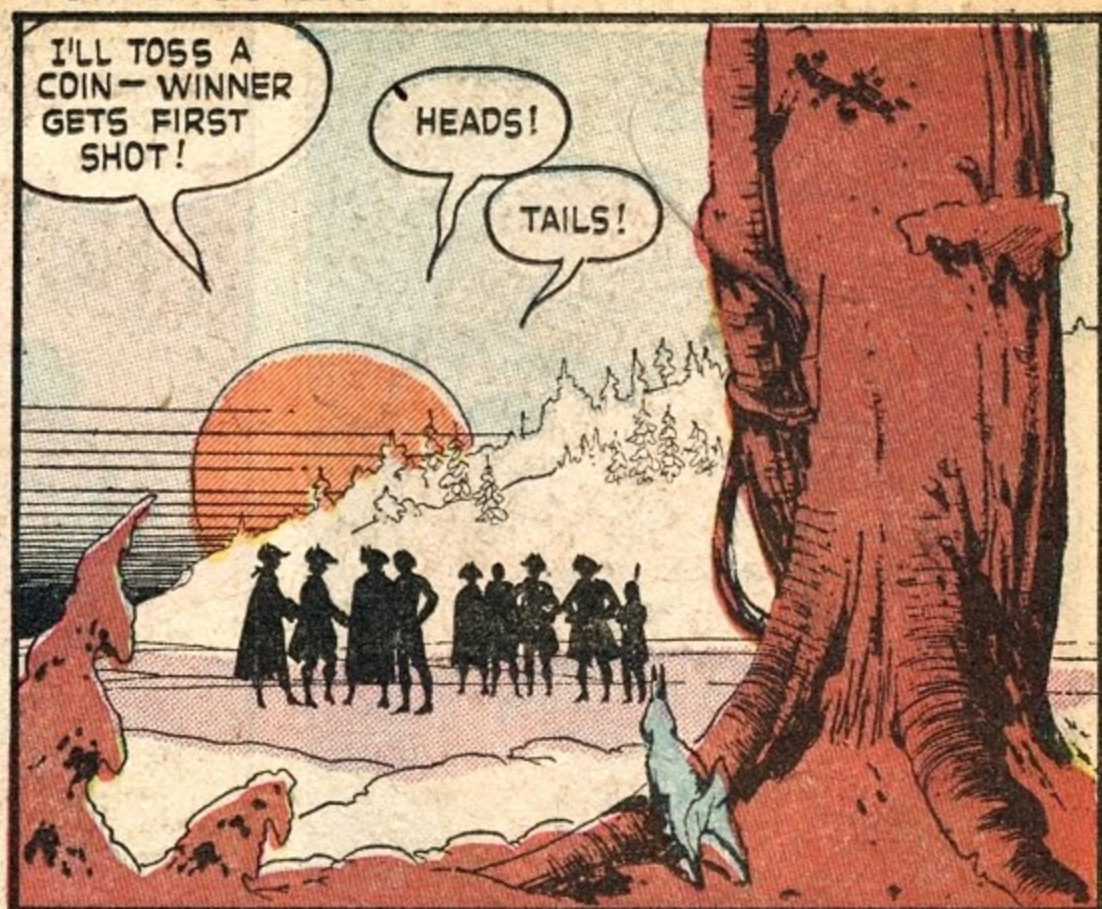
YOU TRIPPED ME-ON PURPOSE!
KEEP A CIVIL TONGUE IN YOUR HEAD, YOU INJUN BRAT!

THIS WILL TEACH YOU TO OPEN YOUR MOUTH TO YOUR SUPERIORS, YOU RED SAVAGE!

OUR COLONIAL ARMY IS TEACHING ENGLAND A LESSON IN EQUALITY, HUTCHINS—BUT IT LOOKS AS THOUGH I'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU A SPECIAL LESSON IN THAT! PUT UP YOUR FISTS!
AS I PLANNED!
I'M READY- PULL YOUR PISTOL, BRAND!

I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOUR TOY CANNONS, HUTCHINS —BUT WE'LL SETTLE THIS...

...FRONTIER STYLE!

WRONG, BRAND—WE'LL SETTLE IT MY WAY! WITH PISTOLS, AT DAWN! THAT'S A CHALLENGE! I DARE YOU!

BUT HUTCHINS MAKES HIS BIG MISTAKE—HE LOOKS DEEP INTO DAN'S EYES BEFORE HE SHOOTS!

HE'S RAISING HIS GUN... POINTING IT... HE'S GOING TO SHOOT... I'M SCARED... I'M SCARED... I-I-I THINK I'M GOING TO FAINT...

DOGGONE! DAN BRAND JUST FIRED INTO THE AIR!
AN' HUTCHINS PASSED OUT — THAT COWARD! COULDN'T TAKE IT!
DAN SHOULDA SHOT 'IM — BUT I GUESS HE DONE THE SPORTIN' THING!

I DON'T BELIEVE IN KILLING IN COLD BLOOD!
THAT WAS A FINE DISPLAY OF SPORTSMANSHIP, DAN — I'M SURE THAT AFTER THAT, THE MEN OF THIS FRONTIER ARE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY!

C'MON, MEN O' TH' FRONTIER, LET'S CHIP IN FOR THE BOYS AT VALLEY FORGE — CLOTHIN' FOOD, BULLETS AN' GUNS!
YIPPEE!

A FEW DAYS LATER...
YOUR GIFTS WILL TIDE OUR ARMY THROUGH THE WINTER! THANK YOU, THANK YOU — IN THE NAME OF LIBERTY!
YE KIN DEPEND ON US T'DO OUR PART, DAN!

AND NOW, TIPI, COMES OUR BIG PROBLEM — TO GET THIS WAGON TRAIN ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS AND THROUGH THE BRITISH LINES IN THE VALLEY!

OTHER EYES WATCH THE WAGON TRAIN CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN...
WE'LL STOP THEM! SOMEHOW WE'LL STOP THEM!

THE MOUNTAIN TOP IS REACHED...
HALT!...LOOK, TIPI—DOWN THERE IN THE VALLEY...!
IT'S A BRITISH PATROL—WE'LL NEVER GET ACROSS THAT VALLEY UNLESS WE FIGHT FOR IT!

WE CAN'T FIGHT! WE DAREN'T RISK THIS PRECIOUS LOAD OF SUPPLIES. WE'LL JUST LIE LOW HERE AND HOPE THEY DON'T SPOT US—MAYBE THEY'LL GO AWAY...

BUT—
A BRITISH PATROL! WHAT LUCK! FOLLOW ME, MEN, —WE'LL RIDE DOWN THERE AND TELL THE PATROL ABOUT THIS SUPPLY TRAIN!

THUNDER! IT'S HUTCHINS AND HIS MEN—RIDING TOWARD THAT PATROL! THEY'RE GOING TO WARN THE BRITISH!
AND WE'RE HANDICAPPED —WITH THESE SLOW OXCARTS!

WE'VE GOT TO INTERCEPT THAT TRAITOR BEFORE HE REACHES THE PATROL! QUICK, TIPI—MELT DOWN A COUPLE OF CANDLES IN THAT CAMPFIRE!
ALL RIGHT, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

THESE BARREL STAVES WILL BE JUST THE THING! QUICK, TIPI—HURRY WITH THAT MELTED WAX!

THIS WAX WILL HARDEN IN A SECOND, IN THIS COLD, AND KEEP OUR MOCCASINS GLUED TO THESE STAVES!

LET'S GO! IT TOOK FIVE MINUTES TO MAKE THESE SKIS— BUT WE'LL MAKE THAT TIME UP FAST...!

BEAR LEFT, TIPI— WE'LL JUMP THAT HILL...!

...LIKE THIS!

AND WE'VE GOT THEM!
DAN BRAND!

DAN! THE BRITISH PATROL! THEY'VE SPOTTED US! HERE THEY COME!

WE CAN'T LET THEM FIND OUT ABOUT THE SUPPLY TRAIN! QUICK! JUMP THESE HORSES!

THEY'RE CHASING US!
JUST WHAT I WANT THEM TO DO! THEY'LL CHASE US-RIGHT OUT OF THIS VALLEY!

JUMP, TIPI!
RIGHT WITH YOU, DAN!

THEY OUGHT TO FOLLOW THE TRACKS OF THOSE HORSES FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER FIVE MILES BEFORE THEY FIND OUT THEY'RE WITHOUT RIDERS!

THE MEN AT THE WAGON TRAIN GOT THE IDEA, DAN —THEY'RE STARTING ACROSS THE VALLEY NOW!
EXCELLENT! WE'LL STAY HERE A WHILE—JUST IN CASE THOSE BRITISH COME BACK THIS WAY. WE CAN HOLD THEM OFF FOR HOURS, IF NECESSARY!

DAN! AND WITH A WAGON TRAIN OF SUPPLIES! YOU MUST HAVE BROUGHT IT RIGHT THROUGH THE BRITISH LINES!
GENERAL, I BRING YOU SUPPLIES— AND TRAITORS!

WE KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH BOTH, DAN! THIS MAY VERY WELL BE THE SAVING OF OUR COUNTRY. IN AMERICA'S NAME— I THANK YOU!
THE END.